

# Town Hall Meetings

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Meeting



## MEETING PROGRAM



Camp River Ranch  
Carnation, Washington  
September 25, 2006

**9:30 Reception**

**10:00 Welcome and Introductions**

**Recognition of Mrs. Washington**

**10:20 Program**

**Mayors' Roundtable**

Bill Paulsen, Mayor, City of Carnation  
Will Ibershof, Mayor, City of Duvall  
Kenneth Hearing, Mayor, City of North Bend  
Matt Larson, Mayor, City of Snoqualmie

**Rural Economic Strategies**

Ray Moser, Economic Development Manager, King County  
Julia Larson, Rural Economic Strategies Coordinator, King County

**Question and Answer Period**

*(Please limit questions to issues raised by the presenters)*

**Rural Forest Commission**

Lee Witter Kahn, Commission Member  
Doug McClelland, Commission Member

**11:30 Public Comment**

*(The public may comment on any issue)*

*Note: All times are approximate and subject to the discretion of the chair.*

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## Kenneth Hearing



Ken Hearing has been Mayor of the City of North Bend since January 2004. Previously, he spent five years on the North Bend Planning Commission, where he developed an in-depth knowledge of land use issues. He currently serves as a member of the Suburban Cities Association Board of Directors, on the Advisory Council of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, and as an alternate to the Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board. He is also an active member of the Snoqualmie Valley Governments Association.



Hearing was born in Snoqualmie, graduated from Mount Si High School, and currently lives in the North Bend house where he was raised. For more than 16 years, he has owned and operated Scott's Dairy Freeze, a small business in North Bend.

## Will Ibershof



Will Ibershof was elected Mayor of Duvall in November 2005. Previously, he served four years on the City Council. Ibershof currently serves as the President of the Snoqualmie Valley Government Association and is the chairperson for the Snoqualmie Valley Land Use Advisory Group. He is also a member of the advisory board for the Glen Kuntz W.R.E.C.K. Center and is a member of the Duvall Rotary.



Ibershof serves as the Agency Marketing Director for MassMutual in Seattle. He has a BA in Communications from the University of Puget Sound. He and his wife and three sons have resided in Duvall since 1989.

## Matt Larson



Matt Larson was elected Mayor of Snoqualmie in 2005. He has been involved in the City of Snoqualmie for the past seven years, including serving on the City Council, Planning Commission, and City Parks Board. Currently, he serves as the President of the Snoqualmie Valley Governments Association. The Association of Washington Cities recently recognized him as an Advanced Certified Municipal Leader.



Larson graduated from St. John's University in Minnesota in 1984. He has been married for 20 years, and has lived in Snoqualmie for seven years and in Washington State for 19 years. He and his wife have four children. Larson, his family, and an additional nine members of their extended family reside in the City of Snoqualmie.

## Bill Paulsen



Bill Paulsen has been Mayor of Carnation since January 2006. He was first elected to Carnation City Council in 2004 and served as the Deputy-Mayor in 2005. Currently, he is also the chair of the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum, a partnership that coordinates local jurisdiction interests on issues such as flooding, water quality, and salmon recovery. Prior to being on the city council, Paulsen volunteered as a Reserve Police Officer and later was a member, and chair, of the Police Advisory Board. Paulsen has served the community as a Venture Crew Leader for the Boy Scouts, and as a volunteer through his church.



Paulsen was born and raised in Carnation. He and his wife Missy have two children, Ashley and Alex, who are both enrolled in the Riverview School District. He has worked in technical sales, and as general manager, for a distributor of precision measurement equipment for the past 10 years.

## Julia Larson



Julia Larson is the Coordinator for the Rural Economic Strategies within the King County Office of Business Relations and Economic Development. She is responsible for the implementation of the Rural Economic Strategies and Action Items developed to enhance the economic health of rural King County. The focus of the program is to promote and support agriculture, forestry, home-based businesses, compatible tourism and recreation, the rural neighborhood centers, towns, and cities.



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Prior to joining King County in 2005, Larson was a professor at King's College in Charlotte, North Carolina where she taught Earth Science. She has lived and worked in rural areas throughout the United States developing strategies and resource management plans for utilities, governments, and non-profit organizations. She is delighted that she has been able to return to the Pacific Northwest where she received her graduate degree from Oregon State University.

## Ray Moser



Ray Moser is the Manager of Economic Development for King County's Office of Business Relations and Economic Development (BRED). BRED is responsible for coordinating and implementing regional and local economic development policies and programs, fostering the development of small businesses, providing public works contracting opportunities for small businesses, administering the apprenticeship requirement for selected county projects, and implementing historic preservation programs. Moser joined King County in 1981 after working for the Federal Economic Development Administration for five years.



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## Doug McClelland



Doug McClelland represents the Washington State Department of Natural Resources on the King County Rural Forest Commission. He is the Assistant Region Manager for the South Puget Sound Region in Enumclaw. McClelland is responsible for public use, natural areas, and asset management on 215,000 acres of department managed lands in King, Pierce, Kitsap and Mason counties.



McClelland graduated from the University of Washington - College of Forest Resources and is active with the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, Cascade Land Conservancy, and the rural community of Preston. His wife, Kristi, is a forester working for King County and specializing in rural land stewardship. They have two sons: Chad lives in Spokane and Jacob is a sophomore at Issaquah High School. McClelland is an active Scoutmaster for Troop 466 in North Bend.

## Lee Witter Kahn



Lee Witter Kahn represents private forest landowners on the Rural Forest Commission. She co-manages the Kahn Family tree farm near North Bend and the Witter Family tree farm in Clark County, on which she grew up. Over many decades, the Witter and Kahn families have tried to maintain a reasonable balance between tree farming as a viable business, as wildlife habitat, as healthy, sustainable forest and as a central family project binding together the various generations.



Witter Kahn is a native Washingtonian. She has studied at Reed College, the University of Washington, the University of California, and Iowa State University, and holds a BA and an MS in economics. She has lived throughout the world including Japan, Peru, and Kenya. Witter Kahn has taught economics at La Molina University in Lima, Peru, at the University of Alberta, and at Bellevue Community College.



# Rural Economic Strategies Explained

The King County Council passed legislation in 2004 recognizing and supporting home businesses that provide services to the rural residents.

The legislation directed the Executive develop a plan for advancing the long-term economic viability of the rural area, with an emphasis on local farming and forestry, consistent with the character of rural King County.

Throughout 2005, the King County Office of Economic Development worked with farmers, foresters, business owners, and other rural citizens to develop the Rural Economic Strategies. The completed report was submitted to the Council in December 2005.

The Rural Economic Strategies groups types of economic activity into "clusters," including Agriculture, Forestry, Home-Based Businesses, Tourism and Recreation, Rural Towns and Rural Neighborhood Centers, and the Rural Cities.

For each cluster, the report outlines a series of broad goals and detailed action items. For instance, under the Agriculture cluster, an overall goal is to "enhance the market and economic base." This goal has a variety of action items, including "explore options to develop a privately operated commercial kitchen... [that] would allow local farmers and rural entrepreneurs to make USDA-inspected value-added products, such as sauces and jams."

For a copy of the full report, email [CouncilTownHall@metrokc.gov](mailto:CouncilTownHall@metrokc.gov) or call 206-296-0335.

The Rural Economic Strategies are being implemented through a variety of means, including public-private partnerships, County projects and programs, proposed County code changes, and current and future studies on rural economic activity. Each year, the Executive will update the Council on the progress made to implement the Strategies.

Earlier this month, the Council began consideration of the second set of proposed County Code changes needed to implement the Strategies. The legislation, proposed Ordinance 2006-0407, is currently being reviewed by the Growth Management and Natural Resources Committee. The proposed changes include:

- Retail Nurseries: Creating a separate category for retail nurseries and allowing them as permitted uses in the rural zones with the retail sales area limited to 3,500 square feet.
- Agricultural Product Sales: Allowing up to 3,500 square feet of floor area to be devoted to sales of agricultural products.

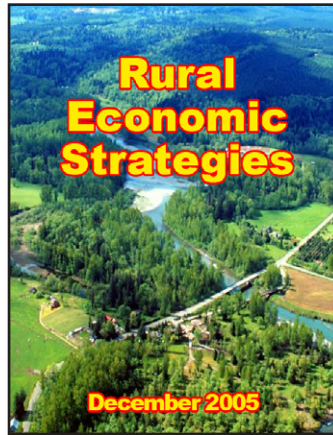
- Manufacturing of Food and Kindred Products: Allowing up to 3,500 square feet of floor area to be devoted to agricultural processing. On agriculture zoned properties 35 acres or larger, up to 7,000 square feet would be allowed.

- Wineries and Breweries: Bringing the winery and brewery provisions in line with the manufacturing requirements for other agricultural products.

- Farm Worker Housing: Increasing the number of farm worker housing units (currently two) based on the size of the farm and eliminating the requirement that the farmer also live on the farm.

- Animal Specialty Service: Allowing animal services, such as dog day care and animal shelters, as a stand-alone business in the rural area through a conditional use permit.

- Forestry Thinning: Allowing forest thinning within aquatic areas, wetlands, steep slopes and in wildlife areas without imposing a six-year moratorium on development, provided the thinning is consistent with a conversion option harvest plan or a county approved forest management plan.



## ABOUT TOWN HALLS...

The King County Council is a regional government committed to engaging county residents in their local communities. Throughout the year, the Council holds local Town Hall Meetings on issues of public importance. Community members have the opportunity to

meet Councilmembers, be briefed by local and regional experts, and provide public testimony. Each Town Hall is a special meeting of the Council's Committee-of-the-Whole (COW), the only standing committee on which all nine members serve. COW considers complex legislation and policy issues of interest to the entire council.